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For: Warming System and Method for Heating Various Items Utilized in Surgical Procedures

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

At page 1, please replace the paragraph between lines 1 - 11 with the following paragraph.

--This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/127,675, entitled "Warming System and Method for Heating Various Items Utilized in Surgical Procedures" and filed April 23, 2002, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/810,418, entitled "Warming System and Method for Heating Various Items Utilized in Surgical Procedures" and filed March 19, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,376,805, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/413,532, entitled "Warming System and Method for Heating Various Items Utilized in Surgical Procedures" and filed October 6, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,294,762, which is a continuation-in-part of International Application No. PCT/US98/06951, entitled "Warming System and Method for Heating Various Items Utilized in Surgical Procedures" and filed April 7, 1998, which claims priority from U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/042,737, entitled "Warmer Cabinet for Use in Surgical Procedures" and filed April 7, 1997. The disclosures of the above-mentioned patents and International and U.S. patent applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entireties.--